

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-32. (canceled)

33. (new) A method for adjusting the data rate of a data stream in a communication device such that the data stream is divided into at least one data block including transmission bits to be transmitted, comprising:

forming the transmission bits from information-carrying input bits by an encoding process;
removing specific transmission bits from a data block of the data stream for the adaptation of the data rate;

removing the transmission bits according to a dotting pattern;
configuring the dotted pattern that 8 of 48 bits of the data block are dotted, and
the 8 to 48 bits of the data block are bits 1, 2, 4, 8, 42, 45, 47 and 48.

34. (new) A method for adjusting the data rate of a data stream in a communication device such that the data stream is divided into at least one data block which includes transmission bits to be transmitted, comprising:

forming the transmission bits from information-carrying input bits by an encoding process;
removing specific transmission bits from a data block of the data stream for the adaptation of the data rate;

removing the transmission bits according to a dotting pattern;
configuring the dotting pattern such that 31 of 111 bits of the data block are dotted, wherein
the 31 of 111 bits of the data block are bits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 24, 42, 48, 54,
57, 60, 66, 69, 96, 99, 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110 and 111.

35. (new) The method according to claim 33, wherein the transmission bits to be transmitted are transmitted via the HS-SCCH corresponding to the UMTS standard.

36. (new) A communication device, comprising:

a rate adjustment device for dotting or repeating a data block of a data stream supplied to the rate adjustment device according to a specific rate adjustment pattern for adjusting the data rate of the data stream, wherein

the rate adjustment device removes or repeats corresponding bits from the data block by dotting or repetition with respect to the rate adjustment pattern,

the rate adjustment device is configured such that the rate adjustment is carried out on the basis of a dotting pattern or a repetition pattern which dots 8 of 48 bits of the data block, and

the 8 to 48 bits of the data block are bits 1, 2, 4, 8, 42, 45, 47 and 48.

37. (new) A communication device, comprising:

a rate adjustment device for dotting or repeating a data block of a data stream supplied to the rate adjustment device according to a specific rate adjustment pattern for adjusting the data rate of the data stream, wherein

the rate adjustment device removes or repeats corresponding bits from the data block by dotting or repetition with respect to the rate adjustment pattern, and

the rate adjustment device is configured such that the rate adjustment is carried out on the basis of a dotting pattern or a repetition pattern which dots 31 of 111 bits of the data block, wherein

the 31 of 111 bits of the data block are bits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 24, 42, 48, 54, 57, 60, 66, 69, 96, 99, 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110 and 111.

38. (new) The communication device according to claim 36, wherein the communication device is one of a mobile radio transmission device or mobile radio reception device.

39. (new) The communication device according to claim 37, wherein the communication device is one of a mobile radio transmission device or mobile radio reception device.

40. (new) The method according to claim 34, wherein the transmission bits to be transmitted are transmitted via the HS-SCCH corresponding to the UMTS standard.

41. (new) The method according to claim 35, wherein the transmission bits to be transmitted are transmitted via the HS-SCCH corresponding to the UMTS standard.